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Invention: DEVICE FOR SECURING SPINAL RODS

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2007, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.